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## WHERE IS IT

### Russian Fleet Not Heard From.

### TROUBLE IN RUSSIA

### Reported Battle Between Russian and Japanese Fleets is Denied.

### TOGA'S FLEET NOT SEEN

Meanwhile Events in Manchuria Have Come to a Pause and in Russia the Authorities Have Their Hands Full, Keeping Down the Insurrection.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—The Russian information regarding the Japanese fleet is based solely on foreign telegrams which are all to meager to prevent the quick ripening of crop rumors, according to the one which the adverse fleet has already joined in battle.

Others of the so-called dispatches are attempting to locate variously the battleships and division of the squadron. Some of the naval officers conjecture that the four battleships are delayed in order to effect a junction with Nebogatoff's division, but general credence is given to the report that the battleships are taking a southern route through the Sunday straits.

Meanwhile events in Manchuria have come to a pause, and at home the main attention is being given to the work of the Bouligan commission, charged with formulating a plan for a representative assembly promised by the imperial rescript of March 3. The commission is meeting twice daily.

The revolutionaries today contrived by an impromptu meeting in front of the Putiloff iron works, at the hour of beginning work. Immense crowds of workmen were attracted and revolutionary speeches were made and red flags produced and proclamations were distributed. Six policemen, who attempted to disperse the crowds were roughly handled, but the assemblage was scattered at the approach of the police reserves.

### CRUDE OIL CHRISTENING.

Kansas Cranks Object to Christening Battleship Kansas.

Topeka, April 10.—The queerest thing in the "christening" or warships yet heard of comes from Kansas, as might have been expected. Hoch, the gubernatorial joke, says no champagne shall be used on the Kansas, and insists on crude Kansas oil. The idea is as crude as the oil itself, and very strongly suggests what the man-who-always-gets-it-wrong called "the right of supreme injunction." But governors have nothing to say about United States warships, save by courtesy, and the proceeding at the launching will no doubt be regular.

### LANDS LIKE A CAT.

Negro Dives from Jail Balcony and Strikes on His Feet.

Trenton, N. J., April 10.—Frank Jackson, a negro convict from Essex county, who is serving a third term in the state prison, tried to commit suicide last night. The prisoners were being marched to their cells, when Jackson stepped from the line on the third tier and dove over the rail to the floor below. The distance was 30 feet, and in going down Jackson turned completely over and landed on his feet. He was not seriously hurt.

### STEAMER CENTENNIAL.

Still Hard Aground at Morrowstone, Near Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, April 10.—The steamer Centennial, which was grounded at Morrowstone at high tide last night, bound from San Francisco to Seattle, is still held a prisoner on the sands, but is in no danger. The low water today showed that the vessel was resting on an even keel, re-

moving the fears of her back breaking, while the absence of water shown that she is not leaking.

Lightening the cargo will begin tomorrow, and it is expected that the vessel will be lightened enough to slide off on the high tide. A large fleet of tug boats will be on hand to make a supreme effort to pull her off when the tide is at the fullest. Captain Pierce insists upon assuming all blame for the mishap and assumes all responsibility without offering an excuse of any sort.

### SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

All the Saloons in Kansas City Were Closed Sunday.

Kansas City, Mo., April 10.—Acting under instructions from Governor Folk the police commissioners last Wednesday issued an order for the closing of saloons on Sunday. The order was rigidly enforced, and, for the first Sunday in many years, it was impossible today to buy a drink of intoxicants in Kansas City.

Not a single violation of the Sunday closing has been reported by the police.

### BIG FOREST FIRE.

Forest Fire in New York Threatens Farmers' Homes.

Eastport, April 10.—A severe forest fire is raging north of Speonk tonight. It is supposed that a spark from a locomotive started the blaze.

The flames threaten outlying homes. A big force of farmers is desperately fighting the fire. Hundreds of rabbits, quail and partridges and many foxes have already perished, and considerable standing timber has been consumed.

### SMITH DON'T KNOW

According to His Statement Has No Knowledge.

### WHO IS PAYING THE LAWYERS

Assistant District Attorney Garvin of New York is Willing to Wait the Result of the Habeas Corpus Proceedings Before Taking His Prisoners.

Cincinnati, O., April 10.—Assistant District Attorney Garvin, who arrived here from New York today, said it was not the intention of himself or others of the prosecution to unduly hurry J. Morgan Smith and wife off to New York. He does not seem to fear the outcome of the habeas corpus proceedings and intimated that he expects to return to New York speedily with the Smiths.

Concerning the letters Mrs. Smith is alleged to have turned over to Detective Aiken just before her arrest, believing him the friend of herself and husband, and which letters are said to be very strong evidence against them, Mr. Garvin said he had no knowledge as to the genuineness of the one addressed to "Tessie" and which had been printed. He seemed, however, to attach considerable importance to the letters, although he would not say that he had read all of them.

Chief of Police Milliken said tonight that the letters were in a sealed package in possession of the police department, and that they would be given to no one until after the habeas corpus proceedings had been decided. He said that Mr. Garvin had not seen all the letters, and would not see them until the hearing was over.

Both Mr. Garvin and Chief Milliken said that they did not believe there would be a move made by either side until after the hearing.

Concerning the printed reports that Mrs. Smith had declared that herself and husband could command \$100,000 or more in financial backing in their trouble, a professional man in close touch with the case said that he knew Mrs. Smith had stated since their arrest that she and her husband were "all out" financially, and that they did not know who had retained and was paying Shay & Cogan, their attorneys.

Prison life is telling on J. Morgan Smith while his wife stands the ordeal well.

Since her arrest Mrs. Smith has mentioned the name of her sister Nan but a few times.

## ARMED REVOLT

### Menaces the Throne of Russia.

### CAUCASSIANS AFLAME

### Malcontents Gather in the Mountains and Have Elected a King.

### TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND MEN

The Russian Troops Are Inadequate to Suppress the Uprising and the Emperor Fears a General Revolution at Easter, According to the Reports.

Berlin, April 10.—Dispatches received from St. Petersburg indicate that despite the official denials of serious trouble, the internal difficulties of Russia are fast approaching a crisis. Preparations for armed resistance are being made in the Caucasus and an army is being raised there to oppose the troops.

The rebellion is spreading throughout the entire region. It is reported that 10,000 armed rebels have gathered in the mountains and have elected a king. Eight thousand revolutionary workmen from Batoum, Baku and Peti are on the way to join this force. Six other rebel contingents numbering 2000, 1600, 1300, 1000, 900 and 400 men, respectively, are operating in different parts of the Caucasus. The plan is to bring all these revolutionary forces together in the mountains. If this can be accomplished it would give the king an army of over 25,000 men.

The present government cannot spare more than 5000 men to oppose the revolutionaries. Military authorities express the opinion that in view of the spread of the rebellion it will take a decade to fully pacify the Caucasus again.

The workmen at Batoum and Peti have exacted a six-hour work day and unprecedented rates of payment for their labors. They are complete masters of the situation. Serious trouble in these districts is anticipated.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—Signs that a great revolution throughout all the cities and the country districts of the empire is planned to take place with the advent of spring are increasing daily, and the government is taking every precaution. The czar is said to be greatly disturbed by the ominous indications of an uprising.

No doubt now exists that all the radical parties are acting under orders from one central authority, and that the signal for the uprising will come soon, probably shortly after the Russian Easter.

The activity of the terrorist party is increasing daily, and there is evidence that the ultra-revolutionists have gained the leadership in the great ferment that is going on all over Russia. It is believed that the peasants will rise as soon as the snows have disappeared.

Spring has been adopted by the revolutionists as a symbolic idea, characterizing the new order which is to come.

There is a feeling of panic everywhere, and this, instead of diminishing, is increasing. Hardly repressed excitement is to be seen whenever there is a gathering of people, and all classes are betraying the greatest uneasiness. The terrors and privations of the winter, far from discouraging the revolutionists, have increased their determination and audacity, and it is generally admitted that the leaders are only waiting the right moment for the call to revolt.

### REQUISITION GRANTED.

Governor Chamberlain Issues Requisition for Defaulter.

Salem, Ore., April 10.—Governor Chamberlain this afternoon granted a requisition extradition for Roy H.

Miller, held by the authorities of Tonopah, Nevada, and wanted in Sumpter upon a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. Miller, who was cashier in the First National bank of Sumpter, also president of the bank of Sumpter, was indicted on the charge of issuing fraudulent certified checks for \$15,000 upon the former bank for the purchase of the latter.

### CARS JUMP TRACK.

Narrow Escape from a Railroad Wreck in New York.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 10.—The passengers seated in two cars of the New York express arriving in this city over the Reading railroad just before 1 o'clock this afternoon had a bad scare. As the train was crossing the drawbridge over the deep thoroughfare two of the cars jumped the track. By a miracle they did not plunge into the water.

The train was stopped almost instantly. While the passengers received a severe shock, no one was hurt. A special train ran to the scene of the accident and brought them safely to the city.

### ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Lovesick Tacoma Girl Drinks Carbolic Acid.

Tacoma, April 10.—In the presence of her sweetheart, Maud T. Beck, of 1115 South Eleventh street, attempted to commit suicide this afternoon while standing on a public street. She drank nearly a teaspoonful of carbolic acid, which she carried in her hand, and then, waving the bottle containing the acid in the man's face, fell swooning into his arms. She was taken to the hospital and will probably recover.

### STRIKE SITUATION

No Change in Teamsters Strike in Chicago.

### GOODS ARE BEING DELIVERED

Wagons Driven by Nonunion Men Had Turbulent Times and Although Large Crowds Followed Then, the Police Were Able to Disperse Them.

Chicago, April 10.—There is nothing in today's developments to indicate a peaceful settlement of the strike inaugurated by the union teamsters against the mail order house of Montgomery, Ward & Co. Although the employers appointed Mr. Farwell to interview the leaders of the strikers, no definite results have been obtained.

Wagons and vans of the big store, manned by nonunion men made several turbulent trips today, delivering goods to the various railroad freight warehouses and depots. Although big and noisy crowds followed the caravans no serious disturbances occurred and the police were forced several times to break a number of blockades. The deliveries to the railroads were declared by the officials of the store to have been a great deal more successful than last week's efforts.

### PRESIDENT RETURNING.

Roosevelt Enjoys an Exciting Wolf Chase With Dogs.

Oklahoma City, April 10.—The president and party began their return trip this morning after experiencing a western rainstorm during the night. A special from Fredrick says:

The wolf chase which the president was so eagerly looking for began early this morning. About 40 dogs were in the pack and those which had not been tied have been nosing all around this portion of the reservation since the arrival in camp and every now and then a cheery yelp told their masters they had scented game.

The party of about a dozen, including President Roosevelt and his doctor, had not traveled far until the dogs were leading them on to what turned out to be a fresh scent. Soon the leaders were rewarded by seeing in a neighboring ravine a lank, gray wolf deliberately lopping off as if unmindful of its pursuers. The dogs all seemed to catch sight of the wolf at the same time, which they soon overtook and killed.

## SAVED LIVES

### Father Compelled to Kill His Son.

### TO PROTECT CHILDREN

### Son Had Been Drinking to Excess and Threatened Father's Life.

### BROKE IN DOOR WITH AN AX

Just as the Son Had Effected an Opening in the Door, the Father Raised a Winchester Rifle and Shot the Young Man Dead in His Tracks.

Placerville, Cal., April 10.—Yesterday afternoon at the Indian diggings in Eldorado county, Austin Morgan Starkey, aged 74 years, in order to save the lives of his two grand-children and himself, shot and killed with a Winchester rifle, his son, Joseph Starkey, aged 35 years.

It seems that the son had been drinking to excess and as a result had become frenzied. Yesterday he attempted to exterminate his brother John's family with an ax. John's three children were in front of his residence when their uncle Joseph attacked them and one little girl, aged 11 years, was killed at once.

The other two children, with their grandfather, ran into the house and barred the door against Joseph, who pursued them and with his ax began to hew down the door.

The father called to him to keep back or he would be compelled to shoot, but the frenzied man paid no attention to the warning and as he was forcing his way through the door to advance on them the old man raised the rifle and shot him dead.

### RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Thirty Persons Injured on the Santa Fe Railroad.

Kinsley, Kan., April 10.—The Santa Fe eastbound passenger train No. 4, which was nearly five hours late, crashed into the rear of the eastbound passenger train No. 8 which had been standing at the depot here at 10 o'clock tonight. Twenty or more passengers were injured, none killed. The rear car on No. 8 was the dead-head chair car, and was cut through from end to end by the heavy engine. The Pullman, ahead, was thrown off the track. Both took fire and with chair car and mail car were entirely consumed. The engineer on No. 4 is injured, but the fireman is serious hurt, as is also the porter on No. 9. The collision was caused by the rear brakeman on No. 8 not going back to flag No. 4.

### GOVERNMENT THREATENED.

Chamberlain May Split Off From Balfour in England.

London, April 10.—A new movement is on foot as a result of the Brighton rebuff of the recently appointed union lord of the treasury, to effect a closer union between the Balfourites and Chamberlainites sections of the union party. At a private dinner of the tariff reformers last night, Joseph Chamberlain, in a short speech, dwelt upon the urgency of effecting a unity of the party.

He has called a meeting of his party for Thursday to discuss the relations with the colonies and the possibility of reaching an agreement on the fiscal question. No secret is made of the fact that it is a momentous meeting upon which will hang the fate of the unionist party, and further that if no compromise can be arranged, Chamberlain will make an open split from Balfour, which would result in the speedy fall of the government.

### CAN'T LAND AT MANILLA.

No Dock Large Enough for the Russian Battleships.

Washington, April 10.—There is no

dock in the Philippines big enough to handle any great Russian battleship, so that fortunately, it will not be necessary for the state department to decide whether or not Russian vessels can dock in our ports to clean their boilers.

Naval records show a dry dock at Saigon 500 feet in length, which would accommodate a Russian ship, so that the French government is liable to be confronted with the question.

### Japanese Cruisers.

Manilla, April 10.—The German steamer Struve, which arrived from Saigon has reported that on Sunday she sighted two Japanese cruisers in the China sea headed for Singapore.

### TRAIN IS DITCHED.

Train on West Shore Road Ditched by Landslide.

Little Falls, N. Y., April 10.—Train No. 8 on the West Shore road, the east bound accommodation, was ditched by a landslide two miles east of St. Johnsville at 8 o'clock this morning.

Engineer Wilkinson of Utica and his fireman are missing and it is feared they are buried in the debris. The cars were thrown from the track and onto the bank of the canal. No passengers were injured. A special train with doctors and railroad officials from this city has gone to the scene of the accident.

The engine toppled over into the canal, burying Engineer Wilkinson of Utica and James Wright, the fireman, of Albany, under it. There were 25 passengers aboard the train, none of whom were injured.

The rails on both tracks were torn up for a quarter of a mile. The road will be blocked for many hours.

### MYSTERIOUS TRUNK

Secret Service Men in Possession of Eight Trunks.

### BELONGING TO BEEF TRUST

Contents Will Be Used Before the Federal Grand Jury Investigating the Beef Trust, But Officials Refuse to Give Out What Trunks Contain.

Chicago, April 10.—The contents of eight mysterious trunks, unearthed by the government secret service men in the vaults of the National Safe Deposit Company occupied the attention today of the federal grand jury investigating the business affairs of the so-called beef trust. Subpoena duces tecum for Daniel Peckam, secretary of the safe deposit company, were issued by Judge Landis to force the company to produce the trunks in the jury room. The trunks were taken to the office of the United States district attorney, Morrison, where they were opened and the contents examined.

What the trunks contained and what connection they have in the case is not known, as the government officials refused to discuss the matter, declining to deny or affirm the explanations current that the trunks might belong to the packers.

### BEEF TRUST GARFIELD.

Will Not Try His Hand at Investigation of Oil Trust.

Topeka, April 10.—Commissioner of corporations, Garfield, announced tonight that the investigation of the Standard Oil Company in Kansas will be started at once.

The hearing will be secret, and no intimation of the commissioners' work will be made public until the report is given to President Roosevelt.

### Not in Paris.

Paris, April 10.—The authorities here are satisfied that the Russian second Pacific squadron will not seek to put in at Saigon, in French Cochinchina, as the shallow bar will not permit the entrance of deep draft war ships.

### Gulf Schooner Lost.

New Orleans, April 10.—The schooner Annie Root, owned and operated by Captain Lawrence of Calcutta, La., which piles between Galveston and that port was wrecked on the south jetty, Galveston harbor, last night. The crew escaped.